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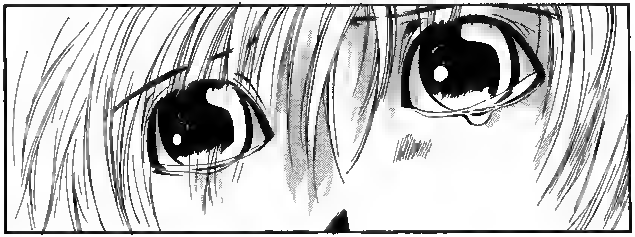
EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID..
...I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THE WATER.
Shirogane:
OKAY, EAT UP, GIRLIE
YEAH, EAT UP, MAHIRU, BUT PAYBACK FOR THE CREAM PUFFS MEANS YOU'VE GOT TO SHARE SOME OF YOUR GOOD LUCK WITH US, 'KAY? ♡
SHOVEL SHOVEL

I WISH THAT TIME WOULD JUST STOP.



PLEASE STOP.

HONESTLY, NO ONE COULD BE AS UNLUCKY AS ME.
Misoka:
MAHIRU!! SEND SOME GOOD LUCK ♡MY WAY! COME ON!
PRETTY PLEASE!!
ME TOO!! PLEASE!!!
ME TOO
TOTALLY UNLUCKY.
SO UNLUCKY.
NO, ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'M WAY BEYOND UNLUCKY.
I SWEAR! I'M SO UNLUCKY.
COMPLETELY UNLUCKY.
Katsura:
OHMIGOSH! HEY, GIRLFRIEND!
DOH! ONE OF THESE DAYS I WISH I COULD JUST SAY "NO."
HEY, GIRL!! MAHIRU!!
KAGOME IOO
生来サラダ

That if wrong a thing, are as fickle as the phases of the moon, they surely I shall capture and devour her.
I hear the cries of a demon boy.
In the far off reaches of the highest mountains.
Princess, Princess, Why are you scared?
SAY, MITSURU.
Akira
A darkest moon. Ultimate sincerity. Bright eyes gem. Beautiful clear mirror. Desire.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP, HUH?

WHY ME?
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE THINGS LIKE THIS?
He shall hide and protect me...
...just like clouds sheltering the moon in a hazy sky.
Nozomu
Ruthless. Hostile. Active. Soul. Knight-errant. Knight of the Desire. Be your call.

Waiting for the Moon
Part 1

YA WANT ME TO PUT YOU OUT, KID?

MAHIRU IS... WELL, TO US SHE'S...

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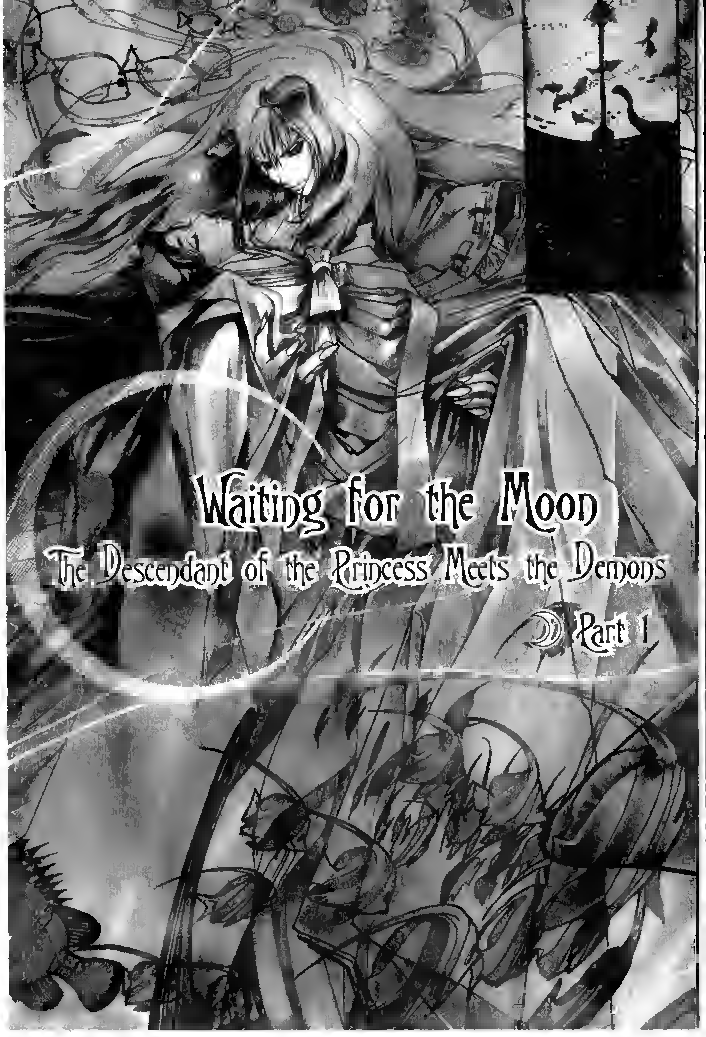
I-I...
I SWEAR! I'M GOING TO KILL HER!
Mitsuru
It's full moon. The [illegible] sick. To all [illegible] helpless. I tell the [illegible] Princesses kept [illegible] Sick. Oh.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The Descendant of the Princess Meets the Demons
Part 1

"Princess, Princess,
Why do you laugh?
Behind a veil of bamboo blinds,
The minister explains that
He'll hide and protect me,
Just as clouds do the moon in a hazy sky.
Princess, Princess,
Why are you scared?
In the faroff reaches of the highest mountains,
I hear the cries of a demon boy.
That if women are truly as fickle as the phases of the moon,
They surely I shall capture and devour her."

Princess, Princess, why do you cry?

...in a forest painted by the setting sun...

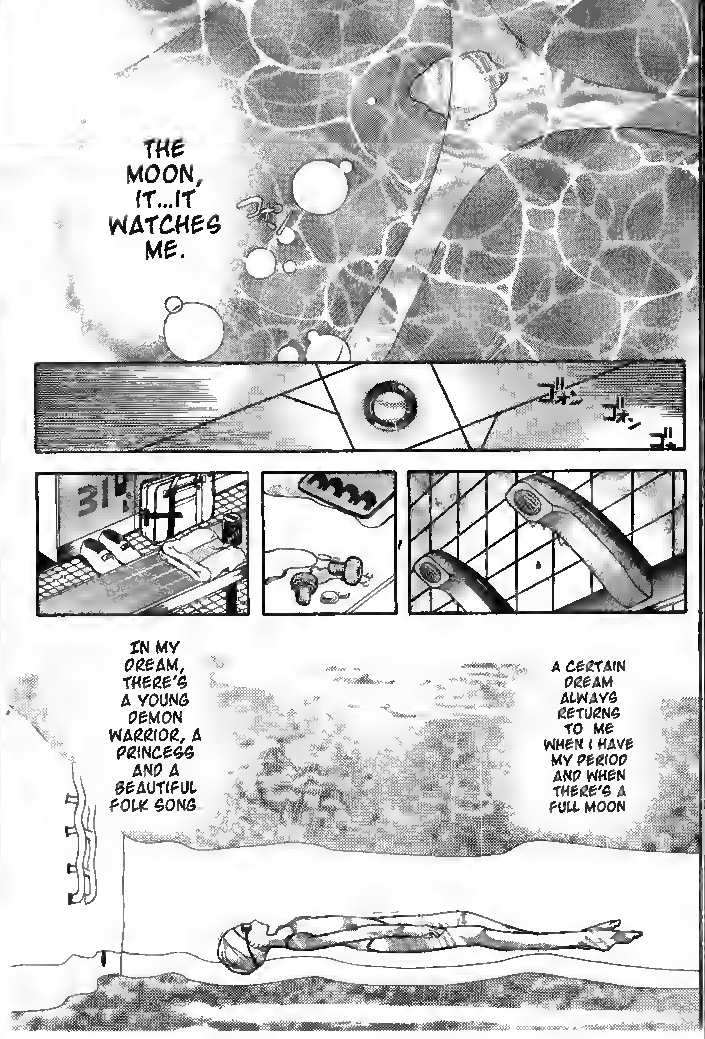
...I made a promise to a demon boy...

...that when the full moon ascends the sky in ten

...I'll become his bride

*Ten lunar years

AND EACH TIME I SEE IT, IT BECOMES CLEARER, MORE VIVID, AS IF I'M RIGHT THERE.
I LOST MY PARENTS IN A CAR ACCIDENT I WAS ONLY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
I'VE HAD IT EVER SINCE THE DAY


THE MOON, IT...IT WATCHES ME.
IN MY DREAM, THERE'S A YOUNG DEMON WARRIOR, A PRINCESS AND A BEAUTIFUL FOLK SONG
A CERTAIN DREAM ALWAYS RETURNS TO ME WHEN I HAVE MY PERIOD AND WHEN THERE'S A FULL MOON

HEY GIRL!!
ONE MINUTE AND 40 SECONDS. SHEESH, YOU THINK YOU WERE IN THERE LONG ENOUGH?
SHE'S OVER HERE, YOU GUYS!
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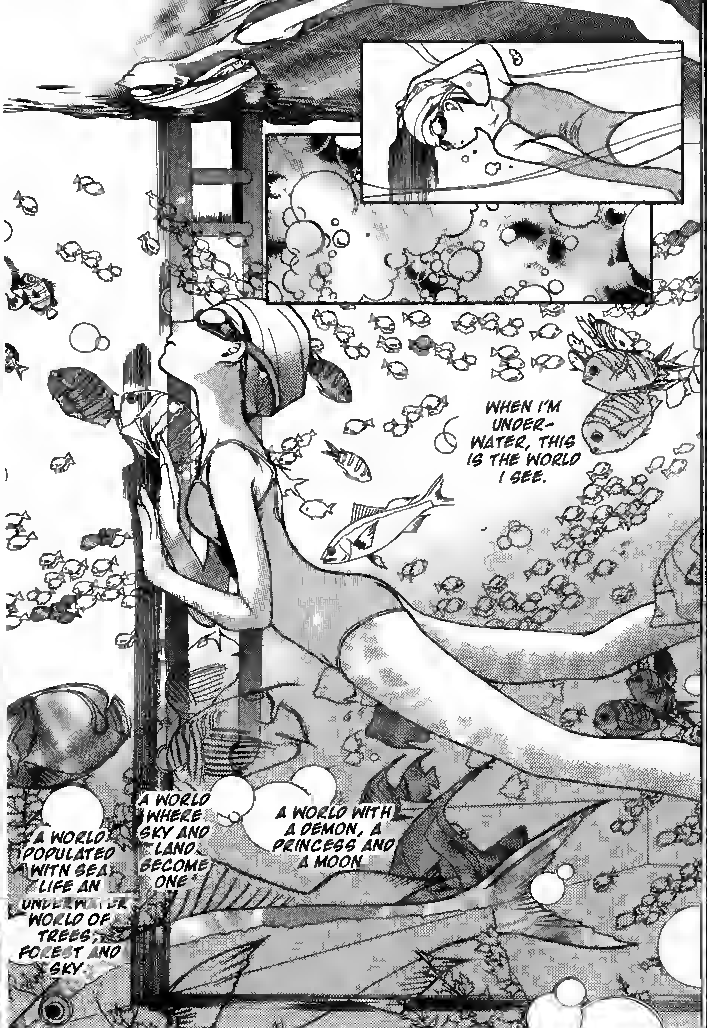
HEY THERE!
WAH!
WAIT!
C'MON!! SHARE YOUR LUCK WITH ME!!
HEY NOW!! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE TOUCHING!!


WHEN I'M UNDER-WATER, THIS IS THE WORLD I SEE.
A WORLD POPULATED WITH SEA LIFE AN UNDERWATER WORLD OF TREES, FOREST AND SKY.
A WORLD WHERE SKY AND LAND BECOME ONE.
A WORLD WITH A DEMON, A PRINCESS AND A MOON.

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK THIS FOR A WHILE BUT, WHO WOULD START A RUMOR LIKE THAT ANYWAY?
A GOOD-LUCK CHARM, OF COURSE
HADŌ COFFEE
OH MY GOSH! I HATE THIS!! I MEAN, HONESTLY, WHO DO THEY THINK I AM?
GOOD LORD!
キャあああ
WHETHER IT'S JUST A GOOFY PRIZE OR THE LOTTERY!
HMM...LET'S THINK. IS IT REALLY A RUMOR IF IT'S TRUE? I MEAN, IT'S A FACT, YOU KNOW, MAHIRU I ALWAYS WIN SOMETHING WHEN I'M AROUND YOU...
WHATEVER! I NEVER WIN ANYTHING AT ALL
SPEAKING OF BEING UNLUCKY, WEREN'T YOU LATE TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING BECAUSE YOUR BUS GOT STUCK IN TRAFFIC?
ALL THE BOYS I LIKE ALWAYS HAVE GIRLFRIENDS
!!
NOT TO MENTION THE AWFUL FACT THAT MY PARENTS DIED ON ME WAY BEFORE THEIR TIME
WHY ME?
EVERY TIME I GO TO A CONCERT, IT GETS CANCELED
I'M LIKE THE UNLUCKIEST PERSON ON THE PLANET
SIGH
HADO CO
ぽん!

KYAAHHH!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
PHTT!
YAHH!
OH PLEASE, PLEASE GOD-AND MAHIRU!!
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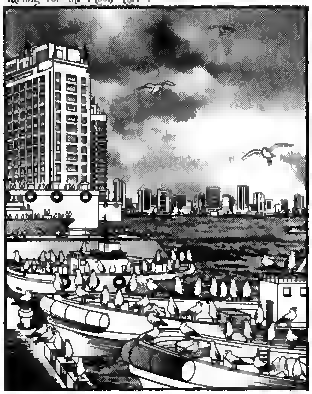
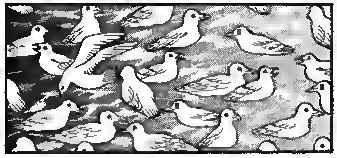
OH MY!! YOU DID IT, MISS!! YOU WON OUR TOP PRIZE!!
TOKYO WONDERLAND
HADŌ COFFEE
HADŌ COFFEE
YEAH GUESS I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN
HUH? SHOULDN'T YOU BE INVITING MAHIRU TO GO WITH YOU INSTEAD?
I WONDER IF HASHIGUCHI WILL GO WITH ME
WOW, TWO TICKETS FOR A TOKYO DINNER CRUISE. THIS IS SO COOL!!
SEE! GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU TOO, SILLY
COME ON, CHEER UP. TELL YOU WHAT, TODAY'S MY TREAT, OKAY?
MAHIRU, I'M GOOOO SORRY!!
OH, DON'T BE SILLY I DON'T MIND. TAKE HASHIGUCHI, OKAY?
IT'S LIKE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET REALLY, REALLY CLOSE WITH HASHIGUCHI!! WHADDYA SAY?
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU BUT PLEASE LET ME OFF THE HOOK JUST THIS ONE TIME, OKAY?
OH, JUST GIVE IT HERE ALREADY, GIRLIE
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HUH?
COME ON, PUCKIE, LEND ME A HAND FOR A SEC
WAIT I JUST MADE OUT ON NOT PAYING BUT LOOK OUT ON FREE TAKING
REALLY? COOL!!
HERE YOU GO, MISS. YOU RECEIVE ONE TICKET FOR A PRIZE DRAWING FOR EVERY PURCHASE OVER 1000 YEN*

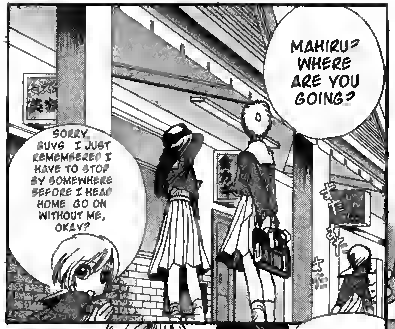
*Equivalent to $1.00 U.S

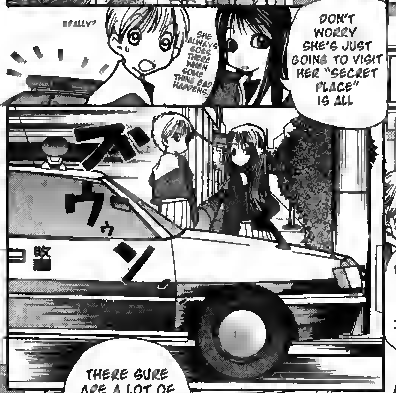




"PLEASE SHARE YOUR LUCK WITH ME!" I MEAN, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

I WONDER IF I REALLY DO HAVE THE POWER TO BRING GOOD LUCK.
SURE, SHE WON THAT DRAWING THE MINUTE SHE TOUCHED ME, BUT I WONDER IF IT'S ME OR JUST A BIZARRE COINCIDENCE


MAKIRU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SORRY, GUYS I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE TO STOP BY SOMEWHERE BEFORE I HEAD HOME SO ON WITHOUT ME, OKAY?


REALLY?
SHE SAYS SOME WEIRD THINGS SOMETIMES, DON'T THEY?
DON'T WORRY SHE'S JUST GOING TO VISIT HER "SECRET PLACE" IS ALL

THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF POLICE CARS ON THE ROAD TODAY
YEAH

THESE ARE BRAND NEW SHOES. MY AUNT JUST BOUGHT THEM FOR ME
WELL, AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T GET MUD ON YOUR UNIFORM TOO. I MEAN, THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO'S EVER HEARD OF THIS SONG
SO I WONDER WHERE I HEARD IT? WHO COULD I HAVE LEARNED IT FROM?
OH NO! NOT THOSE SIRENS AGAIN!
AND THAT DREAM WHAT COULD IT POSSIBLY MEAN?
THAT WONDROUSLY ODD DREAM
Princess, Princess... Why do you cry?
ME NEITHER
WHAT SONG IS THAT? I'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE
BUT THEN AGAIN IT WOULD MAKE SENSE IF IT WERE TRUE MAYBE THE REASON I'M SO UNLUCKY IS BECAUSE I GIVE AWAY ALL MY LUCK TO EVERYONE ELSE
POOR THING TALK ABOUT MISFORTUNE AND TRAGEDY
WITH ONE EXCEPTION, OF COURSE THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN THINK OF THAT WOULD MAKE ME DIFFERENT FROM THE REST
BUT I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
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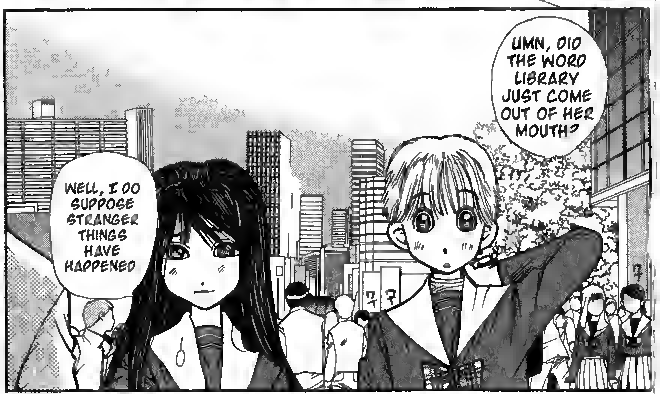
!!

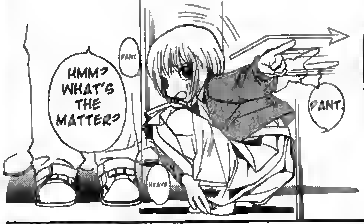
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
BUT YOU'RE HURT!
THOSE EYES!! THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THAT DEMON'S EYES THEY ONE FROM MY DREAMS.
DAMN IT
YOU'RE
HUH?

OH MY GOD! BLOOD?!
POOR THING WHAT MISFORTUNE
URGH!
MAN, IS MY MISFORTUNE EVER GOING TO END?
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?

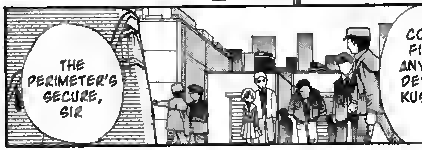
NOOOO!!
IT JUST CAN'T BE
BUT IT IS IT'S YOU
WHOA, THERE
HEY, SLOW DOWN. CAREFUL THERE
KYAAHH!!
YOU,
UH, BUT

OH NO! THE LIBRARY'S GOING TO CLOSE SOON
MAHIRU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WE BETTER BLAZE TO GET TO THAT MEETING
I HAVE TO GO TO THE LIBRARY! SORRY, GUYS!


UMN, DID THE WORD LIBRARY JUST COME OUT OF HER MOUTH?
WELL, I DO SUPPOSE STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED


HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
PANT
PANT

KUSAKABE SHE'S NOT WEARING ANY SHOES, SIR


THE PERIMETER'S SECURE, SIR

WE COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE, DETECTIVE KUSAKABE
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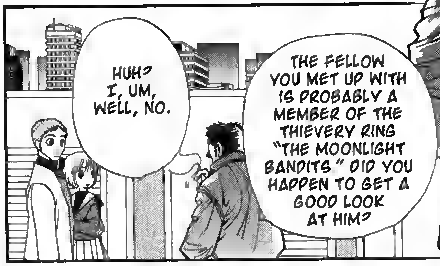
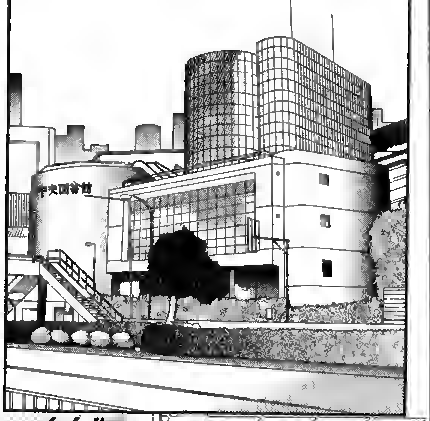

HUH? I, UM, WELL, NO.
THE FELLOW YOU MET UP WITH IS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE THIEVERY RING "THE MOONLIGHT BANDITS" DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM?

.....
THAT DEMON WH-WHERE DID HE GO?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BADUMP!
GOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING

UHH.
SO HEAVY

ACK! I CAN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME



WOBBLE
WOBBLE
MAN, WHY DO THINGS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?!
OH!
KYAHH!
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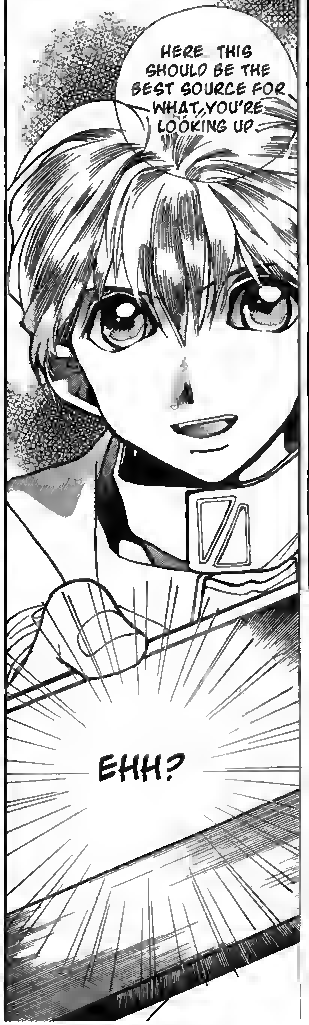
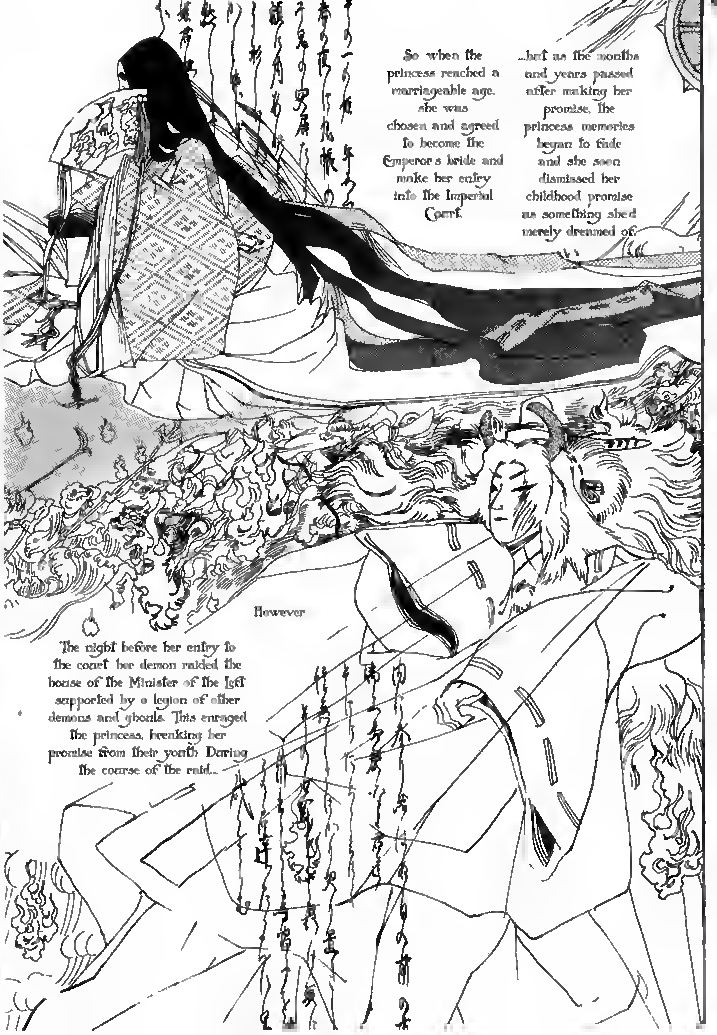
AHH, IT'S NOTHING. NO BIGGIE JUST A BIT OF STATIC, THAT'S ALL
UM, IS SOMETHING WRONG?
PARA
PARA
PARA
LET'S SEE OH, THE "DEMON AND THE MINISTER OF THE LEFT." HUH? I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.
SO WHAT ARE YOU RESEARCHING?
NOTHING. JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
EXCUSE ME?
A FOREIGNER?!
BLOND HAIR? BLUE EYES? AND A KANSAI DIALECT?
THIS...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH, MY BOOKS!
N-NOTHING!!
N-N
.....?
I'M SO SORRY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

When the oldest daughter of the Minister of the Left was still a little girl, she once met a young demon child who found his way into her house. The two became fast friends during his brief stay and the daughter promised to marry the demon one day..
HMM? OH, WELL, THAT'S NICE
THERE'S EVEN AN EASY-TO-READ EXPLANATION

THANK YOU SO MUCH THANKS AGAIN, I MEAN
YOU SEEM TO KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT THIS TOPIC ARE YOU A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT HERE?
OH, WOW HE'S TOTALLY RIGHT
NOPE, NOPE
I LOOK THE PART BUT I'M DEFINITELY NOT FOREIGN BRED I WAS BORN HERE ACTUALLY
YES SIRREE, BORN AND RAISED IN OSAKA!! THEY CALL ME NOZOMU


HERE THIS SHOULD BE THE BEST SOURCE FOR WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING UP
EHH?

The princess was taken away and claimed by her demon.
Her father forced action immediately after and gathered an army of his city's young noblemen and mightiest warriors, and together marched onward to the demon's lair deep in the mountains.
The Minister's force was able to smite the demon and returned the princess to her home
While the princess would no longer be accepted into the Imperial family
she married the commander of the troops sent to rescue her instead.
And they lived happily ever after


So when the princess reached a marriageable age, she was chosen and agreed to become the Emperor's bride and make her entry into the Imperial Court.
...but as the months and years passed after making her promise, the princess' memories began to fade and she soon dismissed her childhood promise as something she'd merely dreamed of.
However
The night before her entry to the court her demon raided the house of the Minister of the Left supported by a legion of other demons and ghouls. This enraged the princess, breaking her promise from their youth. During the course of the raid...

NOZOMU?! YOU KNOW THAT SONG?
WHOOOSIE, IT'S CLOSING TIME
DING DONG ♫ THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSING IN 5 MINUTES ♫
!!
WAIT!! PLEASE!! NOZOMU!!
!!
AHH, NOZOMU!
SHE IS THE ONE?
YES, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

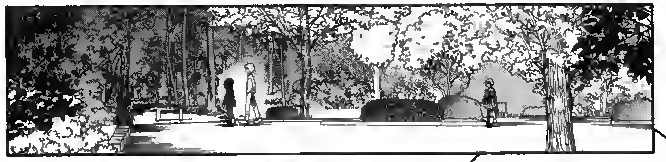
*It was sa d that even though it seems like a dream, dnn t sell your soul to the devil
IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS PRECEDENT THAT ALL CHILDREN WERE TOLD NEVER TO MAKE PROMISES WITH A DEMON
..EVEN IF THEY BELIEVED THEIR PROMISE TO BE JUST A DREAM.*
MY DREAM AND THAT FOLK SONG..
THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO THIS TALE, BUT
THE LYRICS OF THE SONG ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE STORY
Princess, Princess, why do you cry?
In the forest painted by the setting sun,
I made a promise to a demon boy.

MAH-
MAHIRU SHIRAISHI
ALL RIGHT THEN, MISS WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD I TELL A COMPLETE STRANGER MY NAME? JUST LIKE THAT? IT'S LIKE MY MOUTH JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN
HUH? WHAT?
.....
COME ON, NOW, THIS WAY.
MAHIRU, EH? THAT'S A GOOD NAME.
HUH? WHERE TO?

WHAT'S HER NAME?
WHY DON'T YOU FIND OUT, MISOKA? USE SOME OF THAT HYPNOSIS YOU'RE FAMOUS FOR. HER RECEPTIVITY IS TOP NOTCH
URM, EXCUSE ME!
BUT SHE SURE DOESN'T LOOK THE PART.
HELLO? DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO BE WALKING AROUND CARRYING A SIGN OR SOMETHING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THINGS YOU KNOW SEPARATE YOU FROM EVERYONE ELSE?
HUH?!
YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT SONG, DON'T YOU?
AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS YOU'VE WONDERED ABOUT?
!!

HOW DOES HE KNOW THIS?



IMPREGNABLE WARM POND!!
THEY WON'T. I'VE CREATED AN INVISIBLE WALL AROUND US.
WHAT IF SOME HUMAN SEES US, HUH?!
LET GO!! THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS!!

MITSURU!!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?!
DAMN IT, MITSURU!!
PROTECTIVE SEAL!!

STOP WITH THIS NONSENSE, MITSURU.
.....
GET OUT OF MY WAY!! NOZOMU!!
DON'T LET TEMPORARY EMOTION GET THE BEST OF YOU STAND BACK AND CLEAR YOUR MIND
OUR UTMOST PRIORITY IS TO BRING THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS BACK SAFELY
THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T AND WON'T EVER TRUST A DAMN HUMAN!!
WHAT I FEEL ISN'T TEMPORARY!!
IT'S ALL YOU, AKIRA!!
DAMN IT!! GET BACK HERE!!
AKIRA.
HMMPM!!

DING DONG!
WELCOME HOME. THE TIME IS CURRENTLY 8:24:58 P.M.
DING DONG!
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HOLLANDOISCHE
ALLUNG
FELD
ARE YOU OKAY? DID I GO TOO FAST FOR YOU?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

WHO?! IS HE ONE OF THEIR FRIENDS?
HE'S GOING SO FAST I CAN'T EVEN OPEN MY EYES
ALL TO BRING BACK THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS
THEY CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT ME, CAN THEY? AM I THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS?

AND WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FEET FEET
KNEEL.
WE IMPLORE YOU, OH, DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS
ILLUMINATE OUR PATH WITH THE LIGHT OF THE POWER THAT YOU HOLD. BESTOW US WITH YOUR POWER OF THE MOON

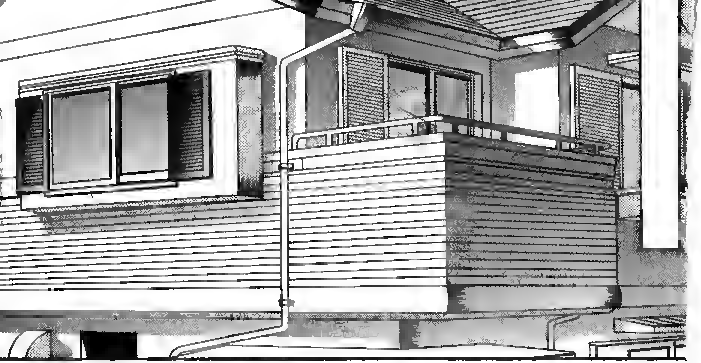
WE'RE BACK, SIR
AHH, WELL THEN, WELCOME BACK
YEAH, WELCOME BACK
LET GO OF ME, YOU BASTARD!!

I CUT UP SOME APPLES FOR YOU
THEY'RE YUMMY!
WOULD YOU MIND NOT SITTING SO CLOSE TO ME?

WE ARE BORN WITH BLOOD FROM THE MOON AND WE FACE EXTINCTION OF OUR PEOPLE
WE ARE THE LUNAR RACE!
THE NAMES THAT ARE PLACED ON US BY HUMAN-KIND HAVE NO MEANING TO US
WE ARE NOT HUMAN
WE STAND APART FROM THE REST
WE HAVE BOTH FOUGHT WITH AND LOVED THE HUMAN RACE IN THE PAST
ARE THOSE
WHO WORSHIP THE MOON AND GATHER IN THE NIGHT
THOSE WHOSE VERY LIVES ARE RULED BY THE AGE OF THE MOON

WITHOUT HER HELP AND COOPERATION DURING THE UPCOMING NEW MOON, OUR JOB JUST WENT FROM HARD TO HELLISH.
MAHIRU!
NOZOMU! CHILL OUT!
NO WAY, I'M NOT GOING TO STAND FOR THIS!!
MITSURU, OUR LIVES ARE DICTATED BY THE FLUCTUATIONS OF THE MOON AND YOU KNOW THAT IF WE'RE TO SUCCESSFULLY STEAL THIS TEARDROP OF THE MOON, AS WE PLANNED TO DO ON THIS NEW MOON, THEN WE NEED HER OR ELSE WE'LL BE TAKING A GIANT RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD.

MAHIRU?!
WAIT!!
OH GOD! THESE PEOPLE! TH-THEY'RE NOT HUMAN!!
SO WHAT I SAW EARLIER THAT WASN'T JUST MY IMAGINATION?!



NO, NOTHING. IT'S NOTHING.

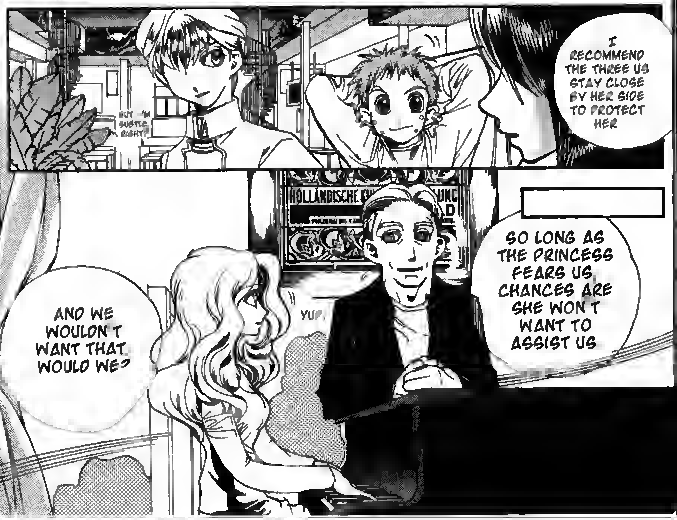
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
AND MY GOODNESS! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TURNED THE LIGHTS ON?
IS SOMETHING WRONG, MAHIRU? YOU'RE GETTING HOME SO LATE.

YOU WERE SLEEPING, WEREN'T YOU? SORRY TO WAKE YOU GOOD NIGHT.
.....

I JUST GOT SCARED BEING OUT SO LATE SO I DECIDED TO RUN BACK HOME.
DID YOU WANT DINNER?
NO, THANKS.

BACK OUT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BOTHER MAHIRU AGAIN. I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT THOUGH.
IF HE REALLY WANTED TO KILL HER, SHE'D ALREADY BE DEAD
YES MASTER
SIR
STILL, IF HE KEEPS SCARING HER LIKE THAT THEN..

WELL, I DON'T NEED OR WANT HER HELP!! I'M COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS!! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST THIS!!
MITSURU, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


I RECOMMEND THE THREE OF US STAY CLOSE BY HER SIDE TO PROTECT HER
NOT IN SUBTLE RIGHT?
HOLLÄNDISCHE
SO LONG AS THE PRINCESS FEARS US, CHANCES ARE SHE WON'T WANT TO ASSIST US
YUP!
AND WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT, WOULD WE?

Princess, Princess, why do you cry?
In a forest painted by the setting sun...
...I made a promise to a demon boy.
WHO ARE YOU?
Princess, Princess... why are you scared?
...I hear the cries of a demon boy.
That if women
In the far-off reaches of the highest mountains?
OH MY GOD! THAT'S ME!!
ARE YOU HER? ARE YOU THE MINISTER OF THE LEFT'S DAUGHTER?
MY MOTHER AND GRAND-MOTHER
Truly are as fickle as the phases of the moon
Then surely I shall capture and devour her
OOHH...I REMEMBER. IT IS ME I WAS ONLY IN KINDERGARTEN THEN
I HAD GONE TO VISIT MY GRANDMOTHER AT HER HOUSE IN KYOTO
THAT SONG! I LEARNED IT FROM MY GRANDMOTHER.
THAT SONG
SOMEONE'S SINGING?

HURRY AND WAKE YOUR BUTTS UP, YOU SLEEPING UNDERWORLDERS!
WE KNOW, WE KNOW. DON'T WORRY. WE'RE NOT HERE TO FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T DECIDED ON ANYTHING YET, OKAY?!
WOW, THAT PRINCESS REALLY IS QUICK, AIN'T SHE?
I KNEW YOU'D WAKE UP IF WE DID THAT
OH, WELL, UMM, FINE. BUT COULD YOU HURRY OFF THE ROOF PLEASE? WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES YOU UP HERE?
AND TO FILL YOU IN ON A FEW THINGS.
BUT WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU AGAIN VERY NICELY
OUR PEOPLE ARE CALLED THE LUNAR RACE, AND JUST AS THE NAME IMPLIES, WE'RE A RACE WHOSE LIVES ARE COMPLETELY GOVERNED BY THE WANING AND WAXING OF THE MOON.

UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO HELP US OUT OF COURSE, MAHIRU THEN IT WOULD BE A SNAP
SO, WE'RE IN QUITE THE BIND, YOU SEE
AND OUR BEST CHANCE FOR OBTAINING IT JUST HAPPENS TO FALL ON A NEW MOON
SO HERE'S OUR DILEMMA WE'RE GOING AFTER THIS VERY IMPORTANT PIECE FOR US IT'S CALLED THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON
I FEEL AS IF WHENEVER I GIVE MY LUCK TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEN IT TAKES AWAY FROM MY OWN
I...
HA!!
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THAT'S SOOO FUNNY!
MAHIRU'S AN EXPERT AT TICKLING MY FUNNY BONE
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME
IF GIVING MY LUCK TO A HUMAN DOES THAT TO ME, THEN GIVING MY LUCK TO MONSTERS AND CREATURES LIKE YOURSELVES
WHAT IF I D-D-DIE FROM IT OR SOMETHING?!
WH-WHAT

BUT IT SEEMS THE HUMANS HAVE DISCOVERED OUR PATTERN, SO WE'RE UNABLE TO PERFORM AS WE ONCE DID
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'VE PREVIOUSLY CENTERED ALL OUR JOBS AROUND A FULL MOON
DURING A FULL MOON EVERYTHING'S DANDY BUT DUCING A NEW MOON, IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE
AS THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS, MAHIRU, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO EXTRACT THIS FULL-MOON CONDITION FOR US AT ANY TIME
WHICH IS WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP, MAHIRU.

WE ACT THE EVENING OF THE NEW MOON, AT 6 P.M.
MITSURU
.....
OKAY? KISS
AHH!
HEY, SHUT UP OVER THERE STUPID!!
EVEN IF HE IS A TOTAL SMOOTHIE BOY
HA HA HA! DON'T FALL FOR THAT NOZOMU
SURE, HE'S ALL SWEET AND NICE BUT DEEP DOWN HE'S STILL A VAMPIRE ♡
WE LOSE ALL OUR LUCK DURING THE NEW MOON, MAHIRU, SO WE REALLY, REALLY HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THERE
WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE TAKESHIBA PIER AT 6 P.M.

IN THE BUSHES OVER THERE
AKIRA
I DON'T GET IT
!!
GYAA!!
AWWW MITSURU DON'T YOU EVER KNOW WHEN TO QUIT? TEE HEE!
LET ME GO!!

MORNING, MAHIRU! HEY, WHAT'S UP? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HUH? UHM, N-NOTHING
OOH! WE'RE GONNA BE LATE
UM
WELL, I MEAN, HE TOTALLY LOOKED OVER HERE AND WAVED
HUH?
TO TEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW, MAHIRU?
IT WASN'T JUST TO EASE MY MIND!!
THEY REALLY ARE ALL AROUND!!
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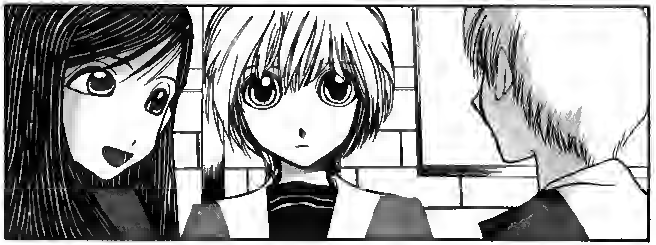
HE TOOK OUT ALL HIS PIERCINGS BUT
THAT WAS AKIRA
OMIGOD CHECK HIM OUT
COME ON, MAHIRU!
!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, OKAY?
I'D NEVER, EVER BITE THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS
WELL, THAT IS, UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO, OF COURSE BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY!
YOU FIND MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF FUN?
IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE OUR LEAVE
THAT NIGHT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE DREAMS I'VE HAD.
BOW



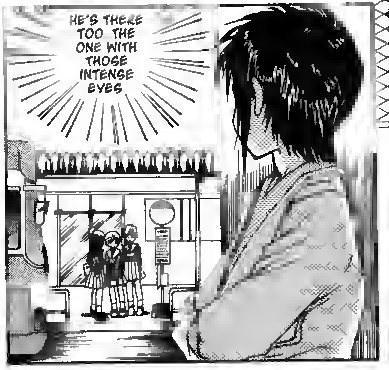
I MEAN, DID I DO SOMETHING TO OFFEND HIM?
OR SECOND THOUGHT, IS HE AFTER MY LUCK?
SCARY FACE! I WONDER WHY HE LOOKS AT ME LIKE THAT.

NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?

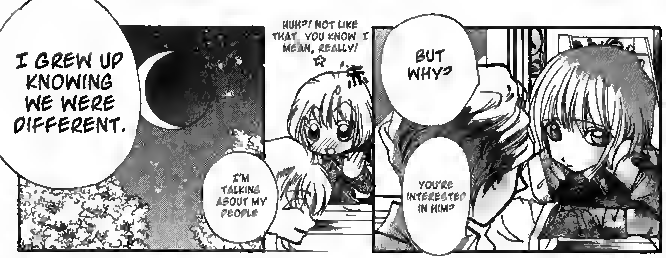
SHOULD I MEET UP WITH THEM OR NOT?
MEANWHILE, WHAT'S A GIRL TO DO?

I WONDER IF HE UH... STANDS THE FRONT OF A HOUSE?
YO
HE IS TOTALLY STALKING OUT

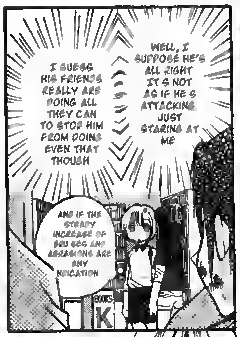
I THINK THEY CALL HER MISOKA
AH, THERE THEY ARE


HE'S THERE TOO THE ONE WITH THOSE INTENSE EYES

I WONDER IF THIS IS THEIR WAY OF WATCHING OVER ME? OR ARE THEY JUST, WELL, WATCHING ME INSTEAD?
KYAA! WHAT THE HECK? DID SNORED ME!? I MEANIE!


I GREW UP KNOWING WE WERE DIFFERENT.
HUH?! NOT LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW I MEAN, REALLY!
I'M TALKING ABOUT MY PEOPLE
BUT WHY?
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HIM?

BUT MITSURU WAS RAISED BY HUMANS, WHO HAD NO IDEA THAT OUR PEOPLE EVEN EXISTED.
SO SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, WE ALL DISCOVERED WHAT IT WAS AND WHAT IT'S NOT TO BE OF THE MOON.
TO BE QUITE HONEST AKIRA...
MISOKA AND I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MITSURU


I GUESS HIS FRIENDS REALLY ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO STOP HIM FROM DOING EVEN THAT THOUGH
WELL, I SUPPOSE HE'S ALL RIGHT IT'S NOT AS IF HE'S ATTACKING JUST STARING AT ME
AND IF THE STEADY INCREASE OF BRUISES AND ABRASIONS ARE ANY INDICATION
BOOKS
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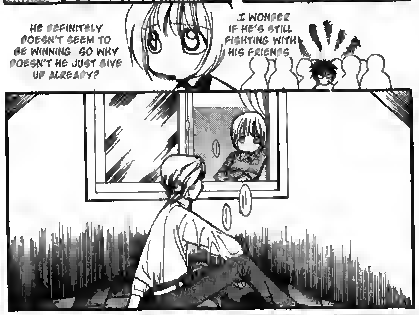
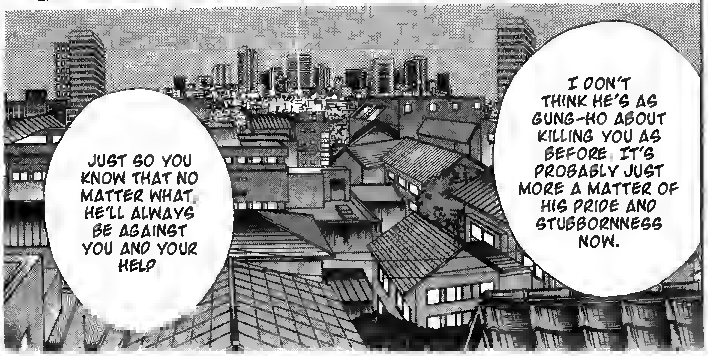

HE DEFINITELY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WINNING SO WHY DOESN'T HE JUST GIVE UP ALREADY?
I WONDER IF HE'S STILL FIGHTING WITH HIS FRIENDS

GOSH, HE'S STILL THERE


JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT, HE'LL ALWAYS BE AGAINST YOU AND YOUR HELP
I DON'T THINK HE'S AS GUNG-HO ABOUT KILLING YOU AS BEFORE. IT'S PROBABLY JUST MORE A MATTER OF HIS PRIDE AND STUBBORNNESS NOW.

I HEARD YOU TOLD NOZOMU AND THE OTHERS NOT TO SHOW UP TODAY!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, HUH?
8
HMM! COME TO ME, ELECTRICITY!
THAT'S RIGHT, I DID!
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU!!
PHT!
HA, YOU WISH!!
The new moon is tomorrow! Therefore, he has no powers!
FEZZY!
DAMN IT, GET OUT OF THAT WATER AND FACE ME!!
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!!
YOU'VE SEEN FOR YOURSELF HOW DISTANT HE CAN BE. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT HE MUST'VE GONE THROUGH QUITE A BIT AND LOST QUITE A LOT TO BE THE WAY HE IS
AND US, WE'RE HIS FRIENDS BUT DEEP DOWN I DOUBT HE TRUSTS US ANY MORE THAN HE TRUSTS YOU
AS FAR AS HIS ANGER GOES, IT'S NOT JUST DIRECTED AT YOU OR OTHER HUMANS. HE HATES HIS OWN RACE JUST AS MUCH
IF THERE WAS A WAY TO LOWER THE WALLS AROUND HIM, WELL, THEN THINGS COULD BE SO DIFFERENT.

HEH, HEH, SORRY! YOU MISSED!
DAMN IT!!
DAMN IT!
THAT SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR BEING MEAN TO ME ALL THIS TIME!
GODDAMN HUMANS!!
GRRR
DO YOU REALLY HATE US THAT MUCH?

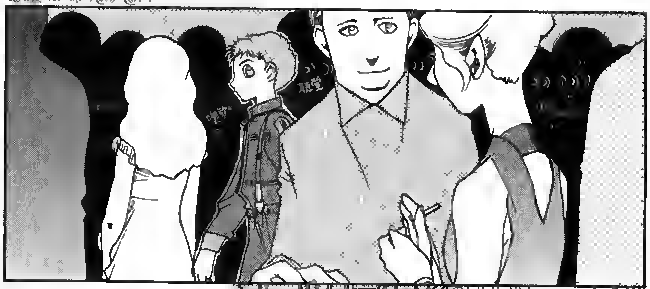
GADHHH.
WHATCHA DOING? YOU ARE AMAZING 5 GALLON SHRIMP TO STAND UP IN, RIGHT?
UGH
I THOUGHT SO
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, DO YOU?

I WILL NEVER TRUST A HUMAN AGAIN!!
THEY STOP AT NOTHING TO TAKE IT WE DEMONS ALWAYS END UP ON THE LOSING SIDE
AND I SEE NOTHING'S CHANGED HUMANS ALWAYS WANT WHAT OTHERS HAVE

SHE PRETENDED TO LOVE A DEMON!
DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND THE STORY OF THE FALSE PRINCESS?
?!

DO...
...YOU KNOW THE LEGEND?

!!
.....
HMMPM I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU HUMANS THOUGH IT WAS A BRILLIANT TRICK INDEED!! TO MAKE A DEMON TRUST THEM SO THEY COULD LATER STEAL AWAY HIS LIFE...
AND THE VERY SOURCE OF HIS POWER, THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON!!



I DON'T SEE MAHIRU ANYWHERE
I GUESS SHE DECIDED NOT TO COME AFTER ALL. OH WELL NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT NOW...
DANG IT I REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE DOING WELL AT GAINING HER TRUST TOO
LIKE THE THOUGHT OF GOING EVER CROSSED HER MIND
SHEESH WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE PUNK!
AND WHOSE DAMN FAULT COULD THAT BE, HUH?
YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME? HUH? DO YA, PUNK?!
JUST ACT LIKE I'M NOT EVEN THERE.

WAIT!! PLEASE! DON'T GO!!
I STILL HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS

WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU 6 P M AT THE TAKESHIBA PIER

MEANIE!! WHAT ABOUT HEARING ME OUT, HUH?
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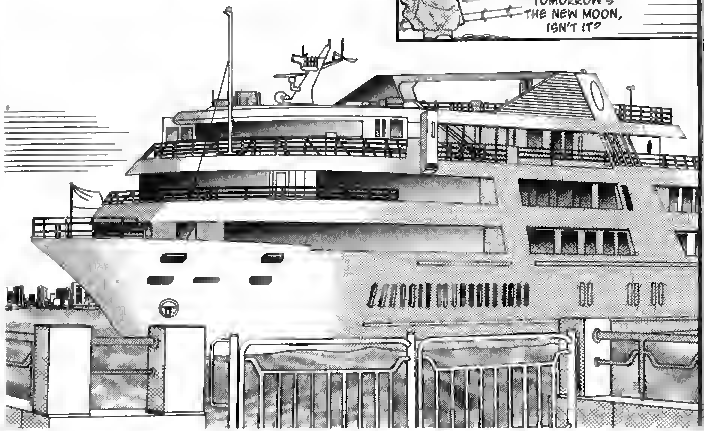
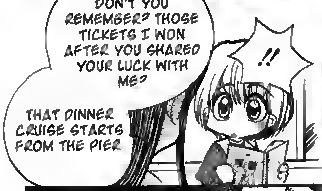
I ALMOST FORGOT! TOMORROW'S THE NEW MOON, ISN'T IT?



THE DINNER CRUISE!!

I SURE HOPE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE,BUT I DON'T SEE MITSURU AND THE OTHERS WHERE ARE THEY?
WHEW. I JUST MADE IT

GAHH, DOESN'T HE KNOW I HAVE TO BE AT TAKESHIBA BY SIX?
WHY DID HE CHOOSE TODAY OF ALL DAYS TO HAVE A REVIEW SESSION?


WHAT? DON'T YOU REMEMBER? THOSE TICKETS I WON AFTER YOU SHARED YOUR LUCK WITH ME?
THAT DINNER CRUISE STARTS FROM THE PIER
!!

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK ALREADY?

6 P.M. AT THE TAKESHIBA PIER
S-SIR!!
THAT'S IT!!

THAT'S RIGHT. WHY SHOULD SHE SHOW UP? WHY SHOULD ANY DESCENDANT OF A TRAITOR SHOW UP TO HELP US!!

Attention passengers! We deeply apologize for the delay...
...and hope you'll kindly begin to gather in the banquet room since...
I NEED TO FIND NOZOMU AND THE OTHERS AND WARN 'EM QUICK.
...we have been blessed with the honor of having jazz singer Kazuyoshi Ora!
DINNER CRUISE
KAZUYOSHI ORA
DINNER CRUISE
KAZUYOSHI ORA
.....
WELL, MISOKA? WHAT DO YOU THINK? THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM TODAY?

YEP. DAMN BEASTS. FROM WHAT I HEAR, REGULAR GUNS DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS WATER GUNS TO THEIR LOT.
WE'LL GET THEM TODAY, RIGHT, SIR?
BUT GOSH DARN IT! THIS IS TECHNICALLY FORMAL WEAR IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
BUT FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF THEIR M.O., I DON'T THINK THEY'D TRY ANYTHING ON A MOONLESS NIGHT LIKE THIS.
TRUE... BUT BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY ISN'T IT, KUSAKABE?
HMM? INSPECTOR? DO YOU GET SEASICK REALLY EASILY?
THOSE PEOPLE... THEY ARE THE DETECTIVES I RAN INTO BEFORE!!

AH WELL, WE EXPECTED AS MUCH AFTER ALL.
THERE I THINK THAT'S ALL YOU'LL GET OUT OF ME TODAY I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY "MASS HYPNOTISM" EITHER.
BUT, THEN AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT THIS LITTLE AMPLIFIER IS FOR.
WHERE ARE YOU GUYS?!
AND NOW, MAY WE PROUDLY PRESENT ACCLAIMED JAZZ SINGER
MR KAZUYOSHI ORA!
I WONDER IF THEY KNOW THE POLICE ARE SOMEWHERE ON THIS SHIP TOO?
A mi no me gusta que haya Hanma. Hanma perue ondeja
Wakai Hanma yi eras te vaina tiesuanto
Entonces yo puse los materiales
HUH?
THOSE DETECTIVES AGAIN
OR ELSE THEY'LL GET CAUGHT FOR SURE!!
I HAVE TO FIND THE OTHERS AND WARN THEM!

SHIFT
N-NOZOMU!!
SURE GOT QUIET ALL A SUDDEN
HMMM?
BAKA

OH GOOD! HE'S JUST SEASICK BETTER GET BACK THEN
URRGHHH
El padre le clavan
HUH?!
!!

AH?!
WHAT?
THE POLICE ARE HERE, EVERYONE! GET OUT! NOW!!!
M-MAHIRU?!
YOU DIDN'T PUT THE DETECTIVES TO SLEEP!!
SO HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE THROUGH THE LEFT DOOR!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! HE'LL BE BACK ANY MINUTE!!
YOU

IT'S THE LADY WITH THE BLUE DRESS
Bash..
THE TEARDROP OF THE MOON HAS BEEN RECLAIMED!!

COUGH
COUGH
WHEW! BARELY MADE THAT ONE
AKIRA!!
OVER HERE, MAHIRU!!
RUH? WH-WHAT WAS I DOING JUST NOW?
INSPECTOR?
OHHHH,
OVER HERE!! QUICK!!
WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOU FREAKS?!

WHAT?
YOUHEI!! GO GET HER BACK!!
HUH?
SHIIIITT!! DAMN IT!! THOSE BASTARDS HAVE TAKEN A HOSTAGE!! HOLD YER FIRE!!
UP HERE!!
OKIE, DOKIE
HOLD ON TIGHT, PRINCESS
OKAY, FOUL BEAST!! HAND OVER THE HOSTAGE!!
KYAAAHHH

BAM
BAM
BAM
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, DOLT?!
WAAAHHHHHHH!! IS THAT THEM, INSPECTOR?!
JUST KIDDING. WHEN I TRANSFORM I'M PRETTY MUCH INVINCIBLE HEE HEE

I CALL ON THE WIND!! YOU ARE MY BLOOD!! NOW, COME!!
GET BACK HERE, YOU FURRY FREAKS!!!
HOT HOT!!
HOT!
HOT!
!!
MITSURU, QUICK. YOU NEXT TAKE HOLD OF HER.
MITSURU!

JEEEZ! HOLY HELL I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!! THOSE GUYS WERE SERIOUSLY NOT HUMAN!!
GODDAMN MONSTERS!! NEXT TIME WE'LL SEE WHO FOOLS WHO!
LET YOUR HOSTAGE GO! NOW!

KUH? MITSURU? WHERE ARE YOU?
HEY, ANYONE SEE MITSURU?
PRINCESS!!
MAHIRU?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, DO YOU?
IF YOU'RE LISTENING, PRINCESS FROM MY DREAMS!
IF I TRULY DO HAVE SPECIAL POWERS, THEN PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH NOW!
SHOW ME A SIGN! GUIDE ME NOW!!
MITSURU!

THIS SENSATION THIS SCENERY...
IT'S EXACTLY THE WAY IT WAS IN MY DREAMS
MITSURU!! DAMN IT!! YOU COULDN'T FREAKIN' CARRY US 10 METERS FARTHER TO SHORE, YA FRIGGIN' IDIOT?!
MITSURU?
AHH!
KYAA!

...I'M SURE IF...
MISUZU
YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M HAPPY.
I KNOW I'M UNLUCKY BUT I'M STILL SO HAPPY EVERYONE'S BEEN THERE FOR ME THROUGH EVERYTHING!
THAT'S WHY...

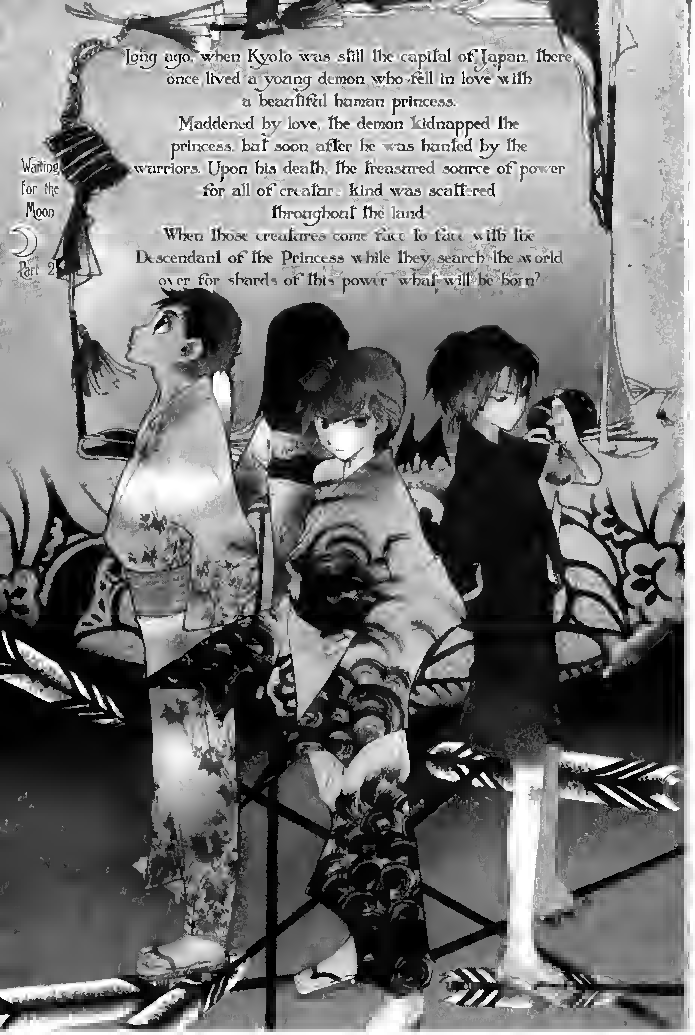
Waiting for the Moon

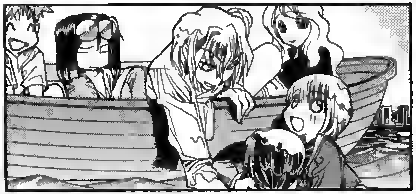
Part 2

Long ago, when Kyoto was still the capital of Japan, there once lived a young demon who fell in love with a beautiful human princess.

Maddened by love, the demon kidnapped the princess, but soon after he was hunted by the warriors. Upon his death, the treasured source of power for all of creation - kind was scattered throughout the land.

When those creatures come face to face with the Descendant of the Princess while they search the world over for shards of this power, what will be born?





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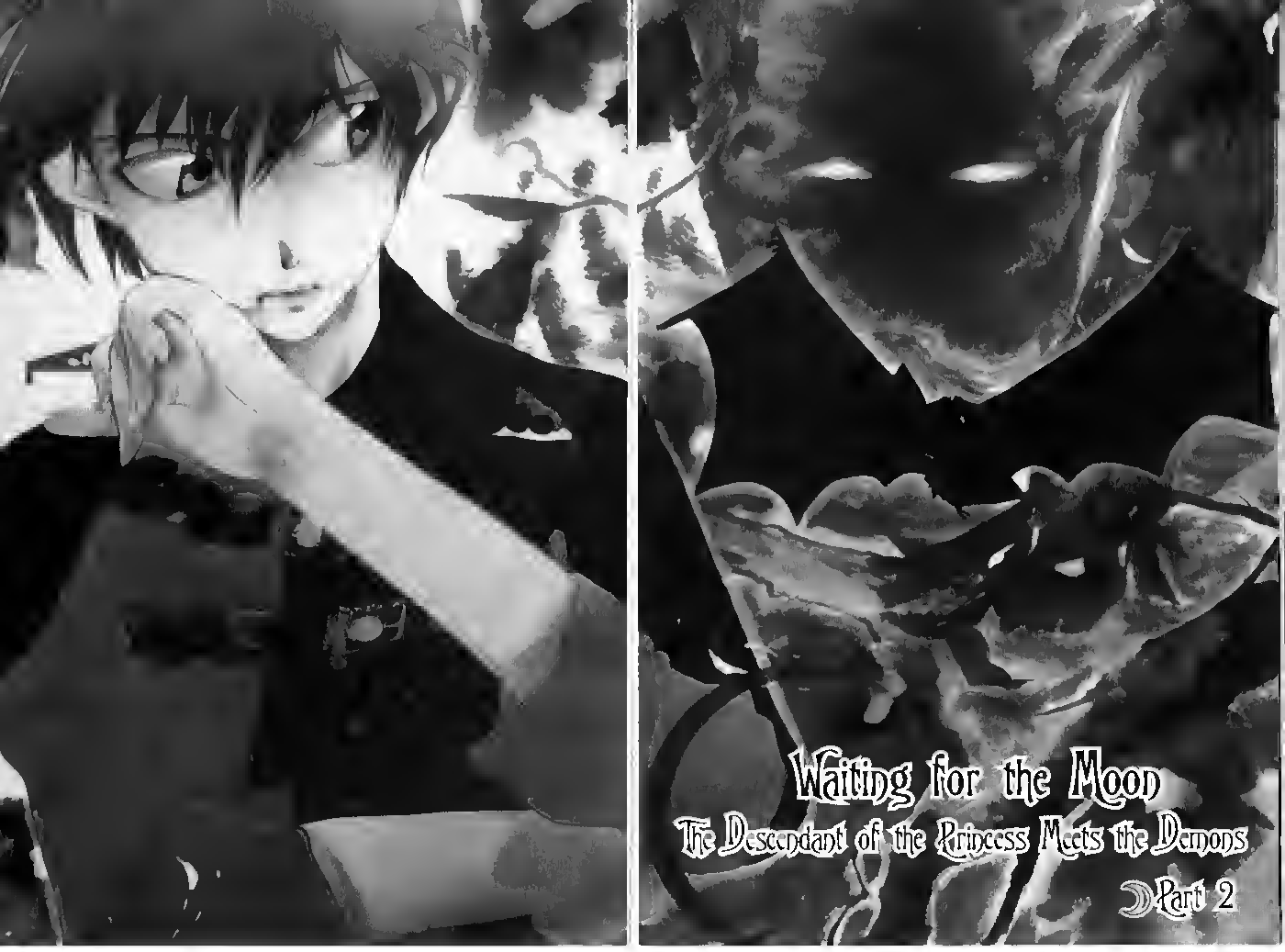
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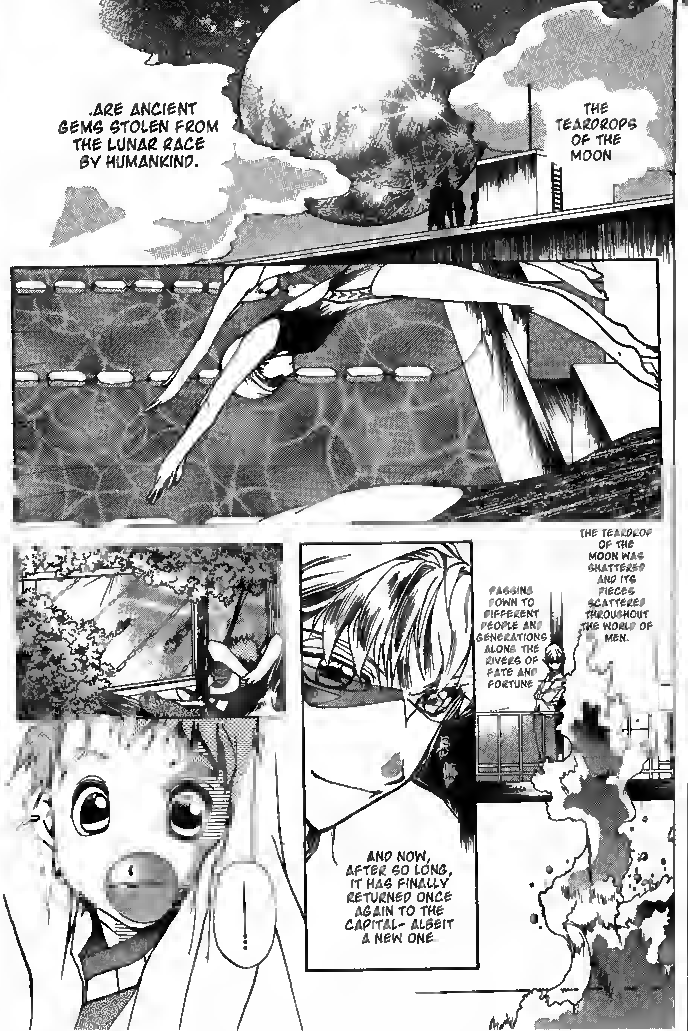
The Descendant of the Princess Meets the Demons
Part 2

MAHIRU, MAHIRU!
COULD YOU SHARE SOME LUCK WITH ME, PLEASE?
THE TREASURE OF THE CREATURES
ARE CALLED THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON.
PLEASE, PLEASE LET ME BEAT MY OLD PERSONAL BEST!!
AHHH, YOU DON'T NEED LUCK FOR THAT SILLY...
TAKE YOUR MARKS

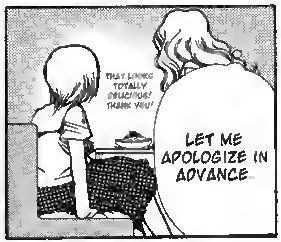
KYAAAHHH!! CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW BEST TIME YET, GIRLFRIEND!!
YAY!
WOO HOO!
キャー
THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR LUCK, MAHIRU!!
PANT
PANT
35 SECONDS!
AND THERE EXISTS A CACK FOURSOME OF SHADOWS DRAWN TOGETHER BY THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON
THEY ARE THE CREATURES KNOWN AS THE LUNAR RACE
PATIENTLY WAITING IN THE DARKNESS OF THE METROPOLIS, FOR THE TIME WHEN THEY MAY ONCE AGAIN RECLAIM THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON FOR THEIR OWN RACE
AND THEY HAVE GATHERED IN THIS PRESENT DAY

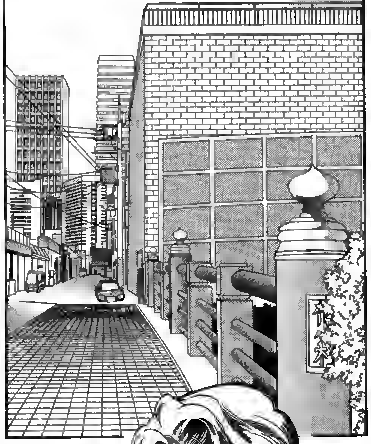

ARE ANCIENT GEMS STOLEN FROM THE LUNAR RACE BY HUMANKIND.
THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON
THE TEARDROP OF THE MOON WAS SHATTERED AND ITS PIECES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF MEN.
PASSING DOWN TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND GENERATIONS ALONG THE RIVERS OF FATE AND FORTUNE
AND NOW, AFTER SO LONG, IT HAS FINALLY RETURNED ONCE AGAIN TO THE CAPITAL- ALBEIT A NEW ONE

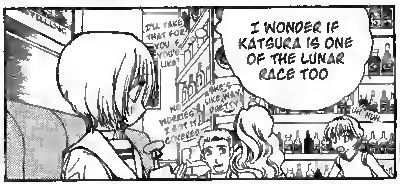
SO WHAT'S UP? Y'KNOW, IN THE FUTURE, YOU CAN JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND TALK TO ME DIRECTLY RATHER THAN SNEAKING AROUND, OKAY?
DON'T SAY, "LONG TIME NO SEE," BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN SEEING ME EVERYDAY!
I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT YOU FOUR HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ME AROUND EVER SINCE SO THERE!
AWWW, DON'T BE SO MAD AT US
THESE FOUR ARE MEMBERS OF THE LUNAR RACE
ACCORDING TO OBORO'S WISHES, WE WERE ASKED TO BRING YOU BY THE SHOP
AT LEAST WE'RE HERE FOR A COOL REASON
WE CAME TO INVITE YOU SOMEWHERE

The Moonlight BANDITS
THOSE DETECTIVES FROM EARLIER!
OH NO!! AND A TV CAMERA CREW!!
SIGH

TRUTH IS, I'M AWFULLY CHEAP YOU SEE
I NORMALLY DON'T SING UNLESS I'M GETTING PAID FOR IT BUT TODAY'S JUST SPECIAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT A FREEBIE
NOW WE'RE GETTING INTO THE RHYTHM!


THAT LOOKS TOTALLY DELICIOUS! THANK YOU!
LET ME APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE




I WONDER IF KATSURA IS ONE OF THE LUNAR RACE TOO

I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?

HMM? SURE, I CAN DO THAT

THIS IS A BAR, AFTER ALL, SO I'M AFRAID THAT'S THE BEST FOOD I HAVE TO OFFER

THEIR MOVES!
LET'S ROCK!
THE VIBE!
THE MUSIC!
THEY'RE SO COMFORTABLE UP THERE...
W-WOW!
EVERYONE'S SO...SO... AWESOME! THEY'RE CREATING MUSIC WITH THEIR BODIES!!

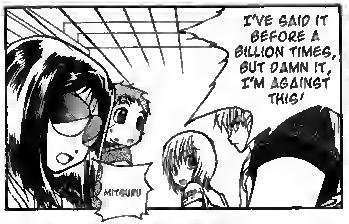
THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!
DEFINITELY NOT AMATEURS.
MY GOD! I FEEL SO LIKE SO TOTALLY BLESSED RIGHT NOW.
HE'S NOT HUMAN!
I'M ACTING LIKE SUCH A FOOL! MY HEART'S ALL A FLUTTER, IT'S LIKE BEGINNING BUSKER THE 1ST TIME!
I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY ACQUIRES?
WIPE
TWIRL
HMM/M
OSORO? I WAS JUST WONDERING...
...WHY A NIGHTCLUB?

?
WELL, BECAUSE IT'S A MIZUSHOUBAI A BAR OF COURSE A PLACE FOR REFRESHMENTS AND JOY
THAT'S OUR CALLING YOU SEE.
THAT'S HOW WE COMMUNICATE AND RESONATE WITH NATURE YOU SEE...
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER OUR PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS SUNG SONGS AND DANCED DANCES AS PART OF OUR WORSHIP OF THE MOON
OUR CALLING? AS IN, OF THE LUNAR RACE?

BUT POETRY ASIDE. THE TRUTH IS WE LIKE TO PARTY!
TO...
DANCE...
TO DRINK...
..TO TALK
HUMANS USED TO BE THE SAME, YOU KNOW
THEY ONCE RESPECTED WATER AND EARTH AND WERE GRATEFUL AND THEY ONCE WORSHIPPED THE SUN
THEY ONCE SANG SONGS OF PRAYERS TO THE GODS AND DANCED SO THEY MIGHT CALL THE RAINS TO FALL
JUST AS WE WORSHIP THE MOON
WATER THAT FLOWS NATURALLY, ONLY TO EVENTUALLY GATHER IN ONE PLACE HERE, IF ONLY FOR ONE NIGHT. PEOPLE GATHER, JUST AS THOSE RIVER WATERS, AT THIS "RIVER OF THE SOUL"
THE TERM "MIZUSHOUBAI" HAS TAKEN THE MEANING "BAR" OR "TAVERN" OF LATE, BUT A LONG TIME AGO, IT WAS SIMPLY THE BUSINESS OF SELLING WATER LIKE THE KIND YOU FIND IN A RIVER.

ACK!!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

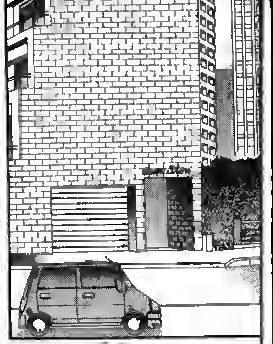
WHOA! IT'S ALL PASTEL BLUE.


I'VE SAID IT BEFORE A BILLION TIMES, BUT DAMN IT, I'M AGAINST THIS!
MITSURU

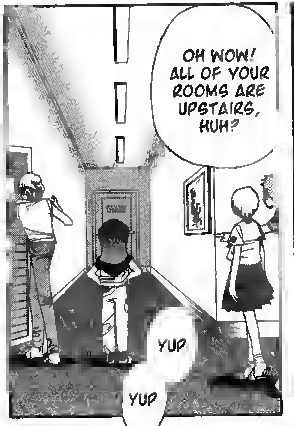
GET OUT OF HERE!! THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'D WANT YOU TO MOVE IN!!

WHAT?!
NO, OF COURSE, WE'LL HELP YA NO PROBLEM WITH THE MOVE

OH, IT'S THIS WAY, MAHIRU.



OKAY, I GET IT
WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT?


OH WOW! ALL OF YOUR ROOMS ARE UPSTAIRS, HUH?
YUP
YUP

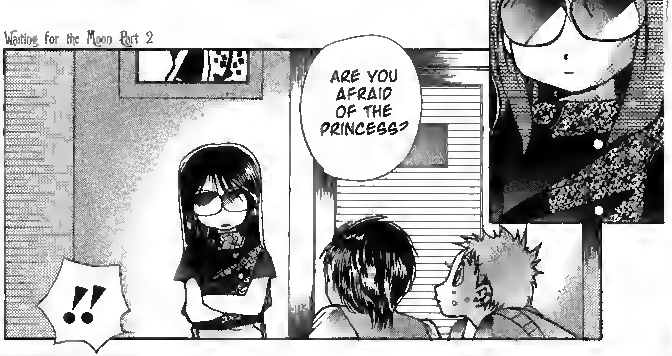
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? HE'S EVEN GRUMPIER THAN USUAL
THIS WAY
THIS WAY

KY
HII!?
KYAHH!
MAHIRU!! IT'S ALL RIGHT! CALM DOWN!!

AND WHAT, EXACTLY, IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
OH MY GOSH HE'S AS WHITE AS A GHOST.
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER? CAN I
WAHH!!
KYAH!
DON'T TOUCH ME!!

I WONDER WHY.
MITSURU ALWAYS REACTS THAT WAY TO ME
I MEAN, YOU AND THE OTHERS
JUST BY TOUCHING ME, IT'S NOT AS IF YOU CHANGE OR ANYTHING AND YET.
MITSURU'S A SPECIAL CASE HE WAS RAISED BY HUMANS AFTER ALL
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HIS OWN TRANSFORMATION PROCESS YET, OR REALLY HOW TO USE THE POWERS HE HAS AS ONE OF THE MOON-BLOODED

MITSURU!
GAAA!!
GAAA!!
WAAH! AND YOU TOO, MITSURU!
DON'T LOOK AT ME!!
GO AWAY!!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!!
COME ON THIS WAY. LET'S GO.


ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE PRINCESS?
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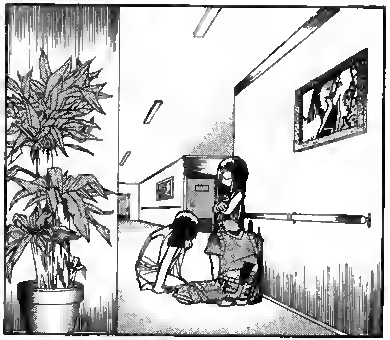
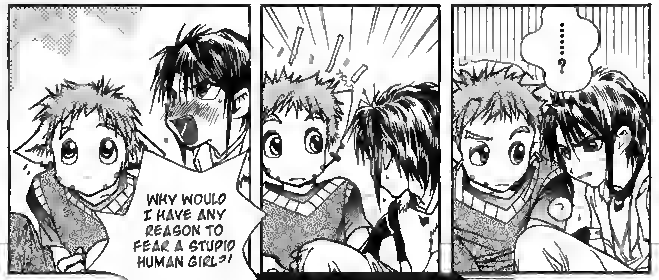
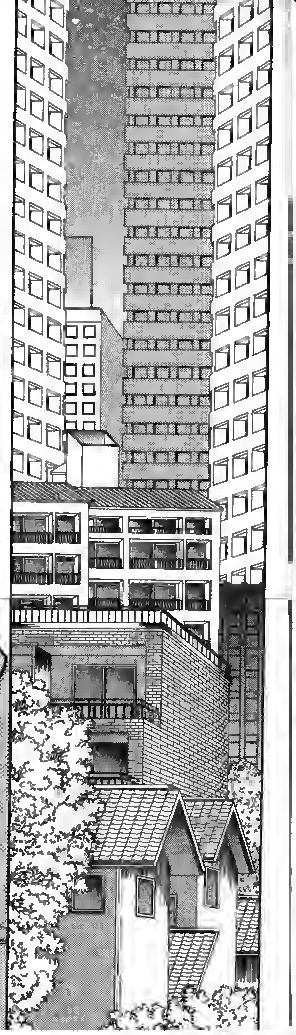



WHY WOULD I HAVE ANY REASON TO FEAR A STUPID HUMAN GIRL?!
.....?

IF MITSURU KEEPS THIS UP, THEN WE'LL..
SAY, MIGOKA WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

YOU'VE SEEN FOR YOURSELF HOW THE REST OF US HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE PRINCESS WITH NO EFFECT
I THINK YOU KNOW VERY WELL THE PRINCESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR INABILITY TO CONTROL YOUR POWERS.

...BE DEFEATED. ALL OUR EFFORTS WITH MAHIRU WILL GO SOUR...



YOU KNOW THAT NEW PERSONAL BEST OF MINE?
AWWN, CHEER UP, YOU
IF YOU KEEP TRYING, I'M SURE YOU'LL REACH IT AGAIN
WHAT?! YOU'VE NEVER MANAGED IT SINCE?!
AND IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME, YOU KNOW...
I THINK SO
YEAH
YOU THINK IT REALLY WAS MAHIRU'S POWER THAT HELPED ME THAT TIME?
EWWW!! THAT'S KINDA CREEPY
SHE CAN HEAR YOU!
SHH!

I GUESS, AS USUAL, I'M THE ODD MAN OUT.
BUT, THEN AGAIN, WHAT'S NEW? HEH?
WHATEVER!! SO IT'S ALL MY FAULT, OKAY?!
MITSURU!
MITSURU!!
DOOHH! WELL, THERE GOES OUR TEAMWORK AS USUAL WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
HMMM

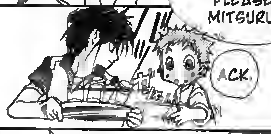
SO FAR, WE HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS. AS FAR AS HER MOVING IN WITH US, WELL, IT'S BEING WORKED ON AS WE SPEAK.
YES, YES I KNOW.
JUST REMEMBER SHE IS A HUMAN.
SO DON'T TRUST HER. KEEP HER ON A SHORT LEASH.
THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE DEPENDS ON THESE STONES...
...CALLED THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON. NEVER FORGET THAT.

I HOPE YOU FIND THE REST SOON NO DOUBT THE GREAT EMPRESS FEELS THE SAME
OH YES, AND REGARDING THAT OTHER MATTER?
...SO THIS IS A FABLED TEARDROP OF THE MOON, EH?
HMM...

OOOH, SHIVER, SHIVER

HMMPM
GLARE

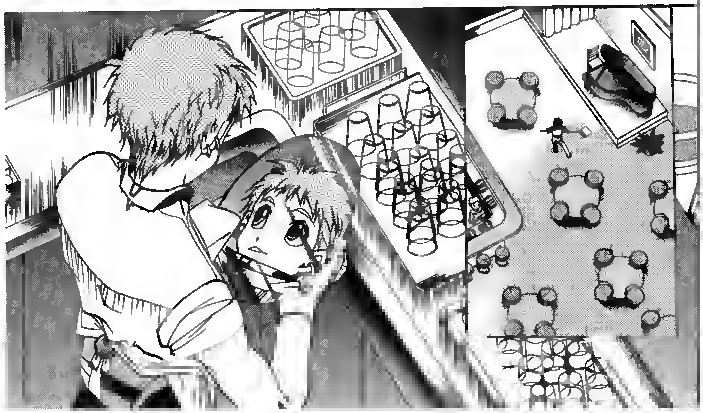
I NEED TO FREE THE FUCK UNDER
WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME WITH THESE GLASSES PLEASE, MITSURU?


ACK.

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO GRUMPY, HUH?!
OH, SHUT THE HELL UP

CHECK OUT HOW THINGS ARE GOING OVER THERE.
I'D LIKE TO COME VISIT IF YOU DON'T MIND.

Moon Shine
DO NOT DISTURB



VACUUM
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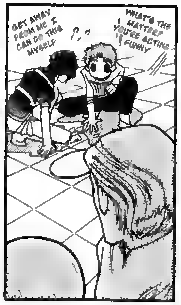
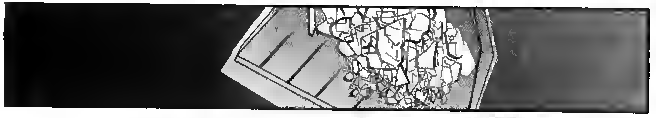
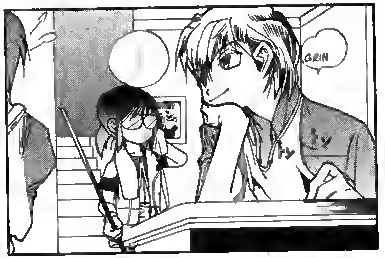

GET AWAY FROM ME, I CAN BE VERY INVISIBLE
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE ACTING FUNNY



YO, MISOKA MIND GIVING ME A HAND HERE?
TIME TO IMPLEMENT SOME QUICK AND DRASTIC MEASURES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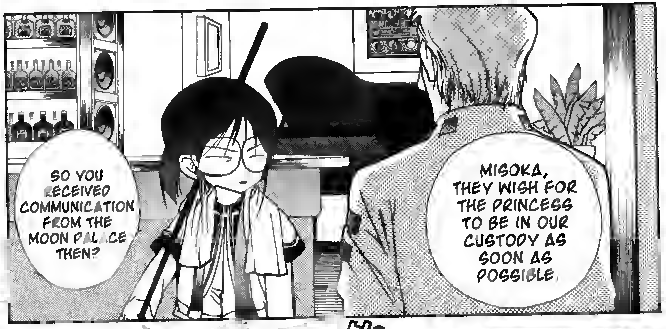
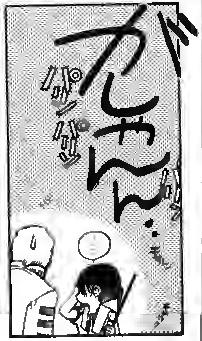
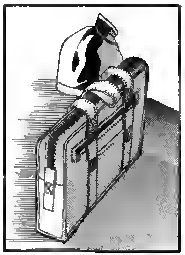

SO YOU RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM THE MOON PALACE THEN?
MISOKA, THEY WISH FOR THE PRINCESS TO BE IN OUR CUSTODY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WAAHHH!! MITSURU!! I JUST WASHED THOSE GLASSES!!





COULD WE REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE AT THE STORE?
SORRY, I CAN'T NOT NOW

IT'S TIME TO GIVE IT A TRY, RIGHT? MASTER?
SHE'S BEEN WAVERING EVER SINCE SHE SAW HIM, JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME
IT'S TIME TO HAVE HER MEET UP WITH MITSUKU AGAIN
I'M GONNA BRING MAHIRU HERE
DRASTIC MEASURES?

WE'LL TRY OUR BEST
YES, SIR
ALL RIGHT. I'LL TRUST YOU BOTH WITH IT.

YOU KNOW HOW...
...YESTERDAY I SCREAMED AFTER SEEING MITSURU LIKE THAT?

I SEE
I'M SORRY THAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BY THE WAY.

IT WAS ME ALL ALONG WASN'T IT, NOZOMU?
AH, HA HA SORRY, TIME-OUT, OKAY?

HE'S NOT THE SCARY ONE
HE'S...
BUT NOW I REALIZE...
...IT WASN'T MITSURU AT ALL
...NOT THE CREEPY ONE

THIS IS THE WAY YOU FEAR US NOW.
THAT'S THE WAY MITSURU SEES YOU HE FEARS YOU HE'S SCARED TOO.
YOU CAN ALWAYS TURN YOUR BACK ON US. YOU CAN LET THINGS SIMPLY GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE BUT IF YOU PUSH US AWAY NOW...THEN IT'S OVER... EVERYTHING IS OVER.
!!
BUT STILL...
OH NO!
IT'S NOZOMU TRANSFORMED!
KYDAHH!!
ARE YOU SCARED?
YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU?
RIGHT NOW, MAHIRU, YOU SEE ME AS A MONSTER
WHY? BECAUSE I AM. THIS IS ME AS WELL.

...THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THINGS, OKAY?
IT'S OKAY, MAHIRU. REMEMBER...
IS OVER?...
EVERYTHING
SO...
COME RIGHT THIS WAY. I'VE GOT THE MOON SHINE PARKED OVER THERE
NOZOMU?
I-I'M SORRY FOR SCREAMING LIKE THAT.
NO PROB.
NOW, ABOUT MOVING IN WITH US...
N-NOZOMU?
WELCOME BACK, NOZOMU!
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MOON SHINE
I JUST WANT TO STOP FEELING THIS WAY
BELIEVE ME, PLEASE YOU AND I KNOW IT'S MITSURU IT'S JUST...

WAIT, AKIRA!!
COME ON NOW, KIDS LET'S SHAKE HANDS
W-WAIT!!
FRIENDS?
FRIENDS!
WHERE'S OBORO?
WHERE'S MOMIJI?
HUH? AKIRA?
NOOO!! AKIRA!!
AAAAHHHH!!
GAAHH!! WHAT THE HECK WERE YOU THINKING? NOW HE'S FULLY TRANSFORMED!!
GRWWWRRRR!!
EATS!
THIS IS BAD
HE'S GOING INTO BERSERKER MODE TO THE MAX NOW!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE? GET OUT!!
TWITCH
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DO YOU JUST WANT TO GET SCARED OFF AGAIN?
FOR ONCE, PLEASE TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF
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URRGGHH!
HEY, CUT IT OUT!!
KYAAH!
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TIME TO TRY OUT THE HYDROGEN ENGINE!!
BUROOD
BUROOD ROO
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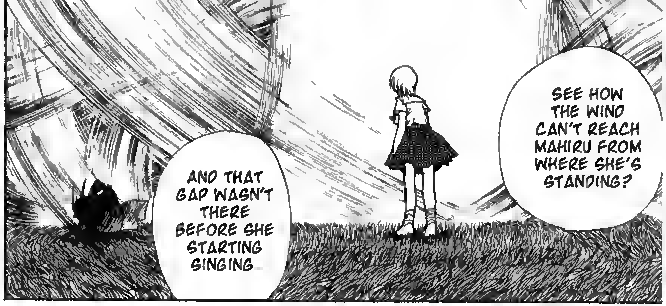
THERE HE IS!!
WHOA, WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

MITSURU!! WAIT!! NOT OUTSIDE!!
BYURU RURU
ALL RIGHT THEN, GO AFTER HIM!!

I'M USING MY BAT TO SPEAK TO YOU.
YO, MITSURU!! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!! LOOK DOWN!! DOWN!! YOU'RE GOING TO CRASH!!
MITSURU!! CAN YOU HEAR ME?! TRY AND GET TO A DESERTED AREA, 'KAY?! ON THE DOUBLE!
ARRGGHH!! DAMN IT! COME ON!! CALM DOWN! I'VE GOT TO CALM MY BODY DOWN!!
YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT THE PRINCESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR INABILITY TO CONTROL YOUR POWERS.
KYAAHH!
MOMMY? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?
WHAT AN ODD CHILD. DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM, DEAR. NOW, NOW, COME ALONG LET'S GO
ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE PRINCESS?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE PRINCESS?
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU, FREAK? LET'S GO, GUYS
YEAH, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

WTV
WHOA, THERE'S LIKE A NEWS CREW VEHICLE TAILING THE UNMARKED CAR.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE JUMPED OUT IN FRONT OF 'EM LIKE THAT
IT'S COMING FROM BEHIND US. LET'S TURN AROUND.
THAT CRY!! IT'S ONE OF THEM DAMNED MOON BANDITS!!
BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING- AND QUICK!
NOZOMU, LET ME DO THIS!!
THERE HE IS!! HE'S LYING DOWN!!

!!
HMM. LOOKS LIKE HE'S HEADED FOR THE OCEAN.
FOR 24 HOURS NOW, WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING...
AN UNMARKED POLICE CAR THE CAR IS RUNNING A LENGTH IN FRONT OF US.
WTV
DAMN! IT'S THE COPS.
AKIRA.
YOU RANG?


SEE HOW THE WIND CAN'T REACH MAHIRU FROM WHERE SHE'S STANDING?
AND THAT GAP WASN'T THERE BEFORE SHE STARTING SINGING

THINK OF YOUR BODY AS AN INSTRUMENT
OK WHICH...

SO IT'S ACTUALLY EFFECTIVE BUT STILL, THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH TO...
HUH? LEADER?

Good!!
I made a promise to a demon boy...
In a forest painted by the setting sun...

WOW, MISOKA HAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL VOICE
IF ONLY I COULD SING LIKE THAT

MAHIRU!!
WAIT! HOLD UP!
Princess, Princess
Why do you cry?!
WHOA!
WAIT A MINUTE LOOK!
UH... URM, MAHIRU? WH-WHAT'S UP WITH THE SINGING?
IT'S TRUE THAT FOR PEOPLE LIKE TO SING SONGS, BUT IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS.

I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT MY POWERS YET EITHER AND I'M AFRAID OF THEM TOO.
MITSURU, I'M SO SORRY. I'M SORRY FOR HURTING YOU.
SO LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER, MITSURU.
LET'S DISCOVER EACH OTHER OURSELVES.
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR US MEETING. IT'S FATE!
I'M SO GONNA END UP SENDING SOME WEIRD, JUMBLED MESSAGE
AHHH, BUT WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING? MY HEAD'S ALL MUDDLED UP NOW
MITSURU
WE HAVE TO SING TO CREATE AN IMAGE AND SEND IT TO HIM!
!
WE HAVE TO SING WITH STRONGER VOICES. WE HAVE TO SING OUR SONG AS A WHOLE

COMING THIS WAY!!!
JUMP
HOP
STEP
GUYS! BAD NEWS!! THE MEDIA!! THEY'RE WITH THE COPS AND...
AKIRA?
AIN'T THAT SO? MAKIRU!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ALL SUDDENLY SINGING, BUT I DO KNOW YOU'RE SORELY LACKING ANY KIND OF RHYTHM!!

.....
WE DID IT! THERE'S AN OPENING AROUND MITSURU NOW!!
W-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
GUYS!! THERE YOU ARE!!

DON'T LOOK AT ME!!
WAHHHH!! STAY AWAY FROM ME!! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!

DAMN IT, WE MUST HAVE SCARED HIM.
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WHOA, THE WIND JUST PICKED UP AGAIN

Princess, Princess, why are you scared?
GRIP
NO, DON'T RUN AWAY. I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO.

PLEASE LOOK AT US, 'CAUSE YOUR HAPPINESS MATTERS TO US, MITSURU!! IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY, THEN WE'RE NOT HAPPY! SO PLEASE SMILE!!
LOOK AT US, MITSURU! PLEASE LOOK AT US!!

IT'S THAT ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT THEY DID!!

AND WHEN I DO, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU WITH ALL OF MY SOUL!!
I WANT TO HEAR YOUR SONGS, MITSURU! I WANT TO SEE YOUR DANCES!

WE'RE GOING GOOD? GIVE JUST A BIT MORE
YEAH, THAT'S IT!!

PLEASE, LET'S TRY THIS TOGETHER

AND I'M NOT GOING TO LIE I'M STILL A LITTLE SCARED
I KNOW, OKAY? I KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE SAME PERSON, MITSURU

PLEASE, MITSURU... LET ME BE YOUR FRIEND AND LET'S...

TRY TO FIGURE THINGS OUT TOGETHER

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW I'M STILL ME, NO MATTER WHAT POWERS I MIGHT HAVE
NO MATTER WHAT FORM I TAKE, I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE ME, AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE

NOD

URRGHH. YOU'RE...

I hear the cries of a demon boy
...that if women truly are as fickle as the phases of the moon, then surely I shall capture and devour her

UNLESS YOU WANT TO ARREST A BUNCH OF KIDS FOR SINGING AND DANCING.
NOTHING AT ALL, INSPECTOR KUSAKABE.
YOU DAMN, LOW-LIFE MERCENERIES.
HEH. NOW GET ON OUT OF HERE
LOOKS LIKE THEY LOST TRACK OF THAT THING.
WHAT?
BOO
BOO
LAME GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
BOO
BOO
WOO-HOO!!
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BUT DANG, DON'T THOSE BASTARDS EVER REST? A 24-HOUR LIVE FEED? GIVE ME A BREAK
YEAH HMM? WELL AT LEAST THE WIND FINALLY STOPPED.
DAMN IT. IT'S JUST AN EMPTY FIELD.
I HOPE THEY GET SOME GOOD SHOTS OF ME
HMM.
WELL? ANYTHING?

KUSAKABE: BEFORE DAYLIGHT

MAHIRU: MID-DAY

YOUHEI: SUN BOY
HIS FULL NAME IS YOUHEI NISHINO

ASAKO ← MORNING GIRL

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NAMES OF THE HUMANS WERE BASED ON THE SUN

THE NAMES OF EACH MEMBER OF THE LUNAR RACE ARE BASED ON MOON-RELATED WORDS AND THE KANJI CHARACTER FOR MOON

MITSURU: FULL MOON MANGETSU
NOZOMU: FULL MOON MOCHIZUKI
AKIRA: FULL MOON MEIGETSU
MISOKA: A DAY BEFORE THE NEW MOON KAIGETSU
OBORO: HAZY MOON
KATSURA: ANOTHER NAME FOR THE MOON A CHINESE LEGEND ABOUT A JAPANESE JUDAS TREE THAT GREW ON THE MOON

"TSUKI NO TAMI" LUNAR RACE OCCULT TERMINOLOGY A TRIBE THAT EXISTED EVEN BEFORE HUMANKIND

"GEKKYUUDEN" AND **"GETTENSHI"** BOTH WORDS ARE RELATED TO THE MOON AND USED AS LITERARY ALLEGORIES

OTHER WORDS YOU MIGHT SEE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOL 2!

ANOTHER BOW.

SO MAYBE THE BEST WAY TO READ THIS MANGA IS TO NOT LOOK TOO DEEPLY INTO THE MEANINGS, AND JUST ENJOY IT!

THANK YOU ALWAYS, ZERA-SENSEI

CM

IN APRIL, A "CRESCENT MOON" NOVEL WILL BE COMING OUT! IT'S ALSO A STORY I WROTE ABOUT THE STRUGGLE FOR THE "TEARDROPS OF THE MOON" SET IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TIME. IT WILL BE RELEASED THROUGH KADOKAWA TEENS RUBY PUBLISHING. ALSO, I HAVE A HOME PAGE CALLED THE "UMEGAEAN" IT'S A DIARY REGARDING BOOKS I'VE READ OR MOVIES I'VE SEEN, AND OF COURSE, "CRESCENT MOON" COMES AS WELL.

HTTP://WWW26.BIGLOBE.NE.JP/~UMEGAEAN

I'M JUST A HAPPY GO LUCKY BACK-GROUND ♪ LOVING MANIAC!

HRM, MAYBE

OF COURSE THAT REALLY DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MANGA ITSELF, DOES IT?

SIZZLE SIZZLE

← HUBBIE

TAKAMURA MATSUDA

AFTER WORD

MY NAME IS TAKAMURA MATSUDA AND IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU.

BOW.

HI AND THANKS FOR PURCHASING THIS BOOK.

IF YOU'RE JUST READING THIS IN A BOOKSTORE, THEN GET TO A CASH REGISTER NOW!

TOPIC THE SECRETS OF THE NAME GAME ♡

WE HAD A TON OF OTHER POSSIBLE NAMES TOO THAT HAVE BEEN TOSSED AROUND AND SCATTERED TO THE WINDS...

WHICH YOU'LL NOTICE STILL IS THE NAME OF THE THIEVING RING.

REMINISCE

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WE RECEIVED QUITE A FEW INQUIRIES ABOUT WHY THE "CRESCENT MOON," IS TRULY "CRESCENT."

BY THE WAY, JUST FOR YOU TO GO TO WORK WITH TODAY, HERE'S SOME TRIVIA:

THANKS! IN ALL YOUR PO'MCARDS BY THE WAY.

BUT WE'D RATHER HEAR YOUR OPINIONS ON THAT, SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR THOUGHTS.

IF THE STORY BECOMES UNFINISHED LIKE A CRESCENT MOON, THEN THAT WOULD JUST BE A CRUEL TWIST SO PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING US ♡

ABOUT THE TITLE

THE TITLE "CRESCENT MOON" WAS ONLY DECIDED UPON MOMENTS BEFORE THE ACTUAL LAUNCH OF THE TITLE.

BEFORE THAT, WE WERE GOING TO NAME IT "THE MOONLIGHT BANDITS."

BY THE WAY, THIS IS A REAL CRESCENT MOON. IT WANES WHEN GOD PEELS OFF THE PIECES TO EAT.

ABOUT THE CHARACTERS AND VOCABULARY

SERIOUSLY, THE NAME OF THE NIGHT CLUB IS "MOON SHINE" WHICH MEANS, "LIGHT FROM THE MOON." HOWEVER, IT ALSO MEANS "HOME BREWED WHISKEY" OR "CRAZY TALK OR USELESS NONSENSE." IT KINDA FITS NICELY WITH THE IDEA OF A RING OF THIEVES THAT USES A NIGHTCLUB AS A HIDEOUT, RIGHT?

MMM. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME A DIFFERENT TOPIC?!

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